

Cedar Park Renovation COMMUNITY MEETING #2 NOTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 6:30p – 7:45p Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 Northeast 123rd St Seattle, WA 98125

This is the second community meeting for the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Improvement project at Cedar Park. Parks staff presented the play area concepts and play equipment alternatives. Community attendees were encouraged to interact with staff during the presentation with questions and comments. Parks will compile all input from the community for the design concept for the renovation of the play area and park.

The renovations at Cedar Park will be coordinated with Seattle School District's (SSD) redevelopment plan of the adjacent Cedar Park Elementary School. Parks renovation project will upgrade the play equipment to meet safety standards and ADA compliance, and other site renovation work.

Improvements to Cedar Park will maintain the character of the current landscape and establish a joint-use of the playground & park features with Cedar Park Elementary.

The total budget for the improvements is \$500,000 for Cedar Park. Funding is made available through the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy. The project budget covers all costs associated with the project including administration, design, permits, bidding and construction.

The final playground plan will be displayed on the project sign board at Cedar Park.

Meeting Comments:

general site work:

- east slope vegetation- include native edible plants
- possible to partner with school to develop gardens? response: Parks staff suggested that citizens organize with PTA or other group to sponsor gardens
- incorporate a shelter similar to Meadowbrook PG response: will look into possibility, budget dependent

play equipment:

- will graffiti be an issue on the plastic structures? response: paint cleans easily from plastic versus wood
- what is the life expectancy of the new structures?

response: plastic/steel structures average 20 years, last longer and are durable, majority of materials are manufactured with recycled materials; wood structures generally average 15 years, wood has a tendency to rot

- avoid clustered structures with hidden areas
- like open concepts for the play structure and tree houses
- maintain clear sight lines into the structures and underneath areas
- prefer muted colors of posts, keep natural, avoid lime green trim as shown on one alternative
- like the cable web for climbing, any history of safety issues with cables? response: no history of safety concern, equipment manufacture bases design on new safety standards for cable climbers
- how were the structures selected?
 response: play equipment based on manufacture's recommendations, safety, ADA & age appropriate structures
- like feature of concrete/fiberglass tree house, especially the built-in climbing grips
- like the concrete tree trunks for swings
- avoid enclosed tubular slides
- what type of surfacing material? rubber mats? response: engineered wood product tested excellent-absorbs falls/impact; rubber mats would be an upgrade, expensive, adds additional costs to alternatives
- will a bucket seat be installed on the swings for individuals with disabilities? response: Parks installs one ADA plastic seat at swing sets
- like the concept of ground level play activities
- maintain a separation between the equipment for older (ages 5-12) kids and younger (ages 2-5) kids
- concerned proposed play structures will be heavily used from Cedar Park Elementary students (400+), will the selected structures hold up to the wear? response: will consider and select the most durable product
- teeter totter?

response: will consider

other:

- What are the standards for SSD playgrounds? their list of equipment does not allow swing sets & sand areas. why is this plan an exception? response: lease agreement under way between Parks and SSD includes Parks taking liability
- Will the playground/ park be closed to the public for Cedar Elementary recess and lunch hours.
 - response: The leased area is to be used for the purpose of a public park, including use for playground and education purposes by students of Cedar Park Elementary. SSD personnel may limit or restrict access or occupancy of the leased area during the school day activities. We are working on the lease agreement with SSD that will incorporate language on shared use.

Cedar Park Renovation Timeline	2014 Quarters				2015 Quarters			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Pro View – Internal Parks review of proposed project elements.		*	*	*				
Community Meeting #1 – Early discussions with community members and presentation of site analysis.	Feb 27							
Community Meeting #2 –Presentation of schematic design.			★ Jun 18					
Schematic Design Complete			*					
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 65% Construction Drawings			*					
Pro View Technical Review – Internal Technical Review of 95% Construction Drawings				*				
Design Development and Construction Drawings Complete				*				
Construction					*	*		
Project Close Out							*	

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